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SUBJECT: SOVIET ATTITUDE ON SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES IN IAEA

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY EMBOFF AUGUST 31 ON MFA INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION COUNSELOR BYELOV, ISSUE OF
SOUTH AFRICA IN IAEA WAS DISCUSSED. BYELOV STATED THAT THE
USSR WOULD NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DESIGNATION
TO THE IAEA BORARD OF GOVERNORS NOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
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IEAEA. HE WAS AWARE, HE SAID, THAT SOME ARAB AND AFRICAN

STATES WISHED TO MOVE AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICANS, AND HE WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN STATING THAT THE SOVIET UNION "WILL SUPPORT THEM IN WHATEVER THEY DECIDE". HE PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHAT STEPS OTHERS MAY BE PLANNING, BUT HE NOTED THAT CREDENTIAL CHALLENGES HAD BEEN USED WITH SUCCESS IN THE PAST IN OTHER FORUMS.

2. BYELOV WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION AT THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING PRECEDING THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE CONFERENCE'S DECISION WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE CITED THE TROUBLED SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE PASSIONS GENERATED BY EVENTS THERE AS ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD PUSH THE ISSUE TO THE FOREFRONT IN RIO. THE RECENT REACTOR SALE BY FRANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA HAS ALSO ATTRACTED THE INTEREST OF THE AFRICANS, HE FELT. ON THE LATTER, HE SAID THE USSR WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE SALE IF IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE OBSERVED.

3. BYELOV AND HIS BOSS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE IO DIVISION, ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, WILL LEAVE MOSCOW FOR THE RIO DE JANEIRO MEETINGS EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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